

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2015
MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:30 P.M. BY MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS.

ALL STOOD FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE.

PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT READ INTO RECORD BY MUNICIPAL CLERK DUGAN:

“IN COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4, OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, NOTICE WAS GIVEN TO TWO NEWSPAPERS, AND POSTED, THAT A WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED FOR THE NINETEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015, WITH THE WORK SESSION TO BEGIN AT THE HOUR OF 7:30 P.M. AND THE REGULAR MEETING TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT THE LAKEHURST COMMUNITY CENTER, 207 CENTER STREET, LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY, AT WHICH TIME, THE BUSINESS OF THE BOROUGH WILL BE CONDUCTED.”

ROLL CALL:

ROBIN BUSCH: PRESENT	GARY LOWE: ABSENT
JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT	GLENN MCCOMAS: PRESENT
PATRICIA HODGES: PRESENT	STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT
MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT	

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Municipal Clerk Dugan reviewed regular meeting agenda.

Councilman McComas suggested that the council “revisit” the purchasing of gasoline for vehicles and suggested that only gasoline purchases for Borough-owned vehicles be permitted.

Mayor Robbins directed the matter to be forwarded to the Rolling Stock committee for review.

Councilman Davis complimented “all hands” for emergency response to the recent tanker accident and added that the response was “handled professionally.” Mr. Davis further added that “once again, Lakehurst is the little town that could.”

Mayor Robbins stated that he had received compliments from Manchester Mayor Palmer on the emergency response to the accident scene.

Council President Oglesby gave “kudos” to the Public Works Department for not only keeping the roads clear during the recent snow storm but was also able to collect trash.

Council President Oglesby stated that he had reviewed the recent New Jersey Natural Gas invoices and raised concern that the cost to heat the Emergency Services Complex represented almost forty percent of heating costs for Borough buildings.

Mayor Robbins suggested lock boxes for the thermostats.

Councilman Davis suggested a minimum setting of 55 degrees when the building is not occupied.

Municipal Clerk Dugan was directed to forward a memo to all departments utilizing the ESC requiring that the thermostats be set at 55 degrees before leaving the building. Ms. Dugan stated that in addition to the memo, she will prepare a sign for posting at the thermostats reminding of the required 55 degrees.

Councilwoman Hodges suggested that personnel utilizing the building should check the thermostats before leaving the building.

Councilwoman Busch stated that the oil to gas conversion of the Community Center has resulted in a cost savings.

Mrs. Bush added that Public Works Supervisor Winton was also impressed with the emergency response to the oil tanker accident.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:45 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION:

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Robin Busch

To adjourn work session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by: Patricia Hodges

Seconded by: Robin Busch

To approve minutes of February 5, 2015 Regular Meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative with the exception of Council President Oglesby who abstained due to his absence at the meeting of February 5th.

OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO BECOME AN ENERGY AGGREGATOR.” Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time opened: 7:48 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:48 p.m.

Motion by: James Davis

Seconded by: Glenn McComas

To adopt Ordinance #2015-02. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council President Oglesby reported that he had received an email from Emergency Management Coordinator Danny Hourigan informing him that he had completed the required basic workshop course and will continue his training.

Mr. Oglesby also reported that a meeting with AFSCME representatives is scheduled for March 3rd to discuss contract negotiations.

Councilwoman Busch reported that the youth and recreation committee is sponsoring a Movie Night on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at the Community Center at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Busch added that “Goonies” will be shown.

Mrs. Busch also reported that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection scheduled an inspection this week and added that the Borough is in compliance.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Robbins urged residents to keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice and to shovel around fire hydrants if near their property.

Mayor Robbins also reminded residents to remove cars from roadways during snow removal operations.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:54 p.m.

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Time closed: 7:54 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

Clerk Dugan reads resolution to go into closed session:

